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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Mike Conaway
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conaway:

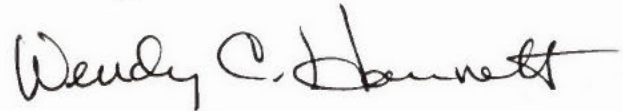
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The Honorable Ted S. Yoho
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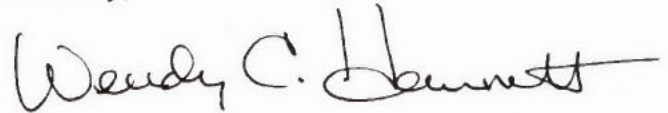
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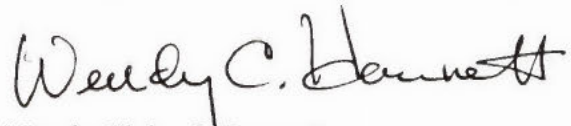
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